

His MAJESTY's most gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Return you my hearty Thanks for this dutiful and affectionate Address. The Satisfaction you have so unanimously expressed in the Treaties I have lately concluded, and the Measures which I am pursuing, gives me the greatest Pleasure. I entirely rely on your Zeal and Support, in bringing them to Perfection, for the Welfare of my own Kingdoms, and the general Tranquility of Europe.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of Commons to the KING.
Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, return Your Majesty our sincere and hearty Thanks for your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

We beg Leave to congratulate Your Majesty on Your safe and happy Return to these Kingdoms; and to express the warmest Acknowledgements of our Gratitude, for Your Majesty's unwearied Endeavours to establish the present Tranquility upon the surest Foundations.

We congratulate Your Majesty on the Conclusion of a Treaty with the King of Spain, by which the particular Differences, that from the Nature of them, could not be settled in a general Treaty, are now amicably adjusted; and we feel the most real Satisfaction at the Reason there is to hope, from the Assurances which Your Majesty has received, of the sincere Disposition of the Catholic King to cement and maintain the most perfect Union with Your Majesty, that the ancient Friendship will be restored, and an uninterrupted good Correspondence subsist, between the Two Nations, for their mutual Advantage and Happiness.

We respectfully acknowledge Your Majesty's great Wisdom and Foresight, in taking the best Measures timely to prevent such Events, as might hereafter involve Europe in the Calamities of War; and we have the best grounded Hopes, from the full and clear Declaration of all the contracting Powers in the Definitive Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle, as well as from Your Majesty's Care and Attention to strengthen the Ties of Union and Friendship between Your Majesty and Your Allies, that we shall long enjoy the Blessings of a general Peace.

We assure Your Majesty, that we will cheerfully raise such Supplies, as shall be found necessary, for the Security of Your Majesty's Government, and to make good the Engagements entered into by Your Majesty for the Public Benefit, and according to Your Gracious Intention communicated to this House.

It is with the greatest Satisfaction that We receive Your Majesty's gracious Approbation of the Progress already made towards reducing the Interest of the National Debt; and We assure your Majesty, that We will use Our immediate Endeavours to finish that great Work with Justice and Equity.

Your faithful Commons beg Leave to express their Sense of the Happiness they enjoy under Your Majesty's Government; and to assure Your Majesty, that they are determined to give all possible Attention to whatever may promote the Trade and Commerce of these Kingdoms; and that they will endeavour to render the Laws more effectual, by enforcing their Execution, thereby to discourage and suppress the Outrages and Enormities committed in Defiance of them.

L O N D O N, December 5.

Letter from Rochester, dated December 3.

" This Morning, at Eleven o'Clock, the Court-Martial began on Admiral Griffin:

Vice Admiral Hawke, President.

Admiral Chambers, Captain Brett,
Captain De L'Angle, Captain Parry,
Captain Sturton, Captain Montague,
Mr. Ferne, Judge Advocate.

His Charge consisted of eight Articles; which, to sum them together, were for Neglect of Duty, Misconduct, and Mis-spending his Time in fruitless Councils, instead of getting out and engaging the Enemy. The Two Witnesses examined this Day; viz. Capt. Boyce, and Capt. Amburst, agree, that he had Intelligence of a Fleet coming on the Coast two Months before it appeared; and that on the 9th of June, 1748, at Eleven at Night, the Lively made the Signal by Guns, of the Enemy's being on the Coast, at which Time the Admiral was ashore, but knew it early on the Morning of the 10th, and that the Fleet appeared in Sight at Three that Afternoon; that a Council of War was then held, in which it was agreed, to sail and attack them as soon as the Ebbham's Men could be

distributed on board the rest of the Ships, which was done Five; but that the Admiral did not get under Sail 'till Eleven and tho' applied to by the Captains to send a Frigate to look after the Enemy, he did not do it, and so they never lay the after."

Dec. 7. The Court Martial, which was held at Chatham for the Trial of Rear Admiral Griffin, in Relation to his Conduct in the East-Indies, passed Sentence on him as follows: viz. That he fell under the 27th Article in the 13th of Charles II. viz. Negligently performing the Duty imposed on him for which Reason they adjudged him to be suspended from his Rank as a Flag Officer during his Majesty's Pleasure. Mr. Griffin surprised at the Sentence, did not speak for some Time but at last asked for a Copy of the Sentence, which was agreed to; and on going off the Quarter-deck, he said, It was a hard Sentence.

ANNAPOLIS.

On Wednesday last Jeremiah Swift was executed at the Ridge, pursuant to his Sentence, and afterwards hanged to Chains.

We formerly mentioned a Schooner from Virginia being taken in St. Mary's County by two Men, who went Northward Newton and Jones, who it was suspected had murdered the Master and others: Since which the Body of Capt. Smith and one other, has been found drove ashore about four Miles from that Place, with both their Throats cut; and it is supposed they were murdered and thrown overboard by those two Villains for the sake of about 40 Pistoles which Capt. Smith had with him.

We hear the General Assembly of this Province will certainly meet here on the fourteenth Instant, the Day to which they were last Prorogued.

The Man who lately in a fit of Laziness cut off his Hand in Baltimore County, to incapacitate him from Working, was lately found dead on the Road, near Susquehanna; it having mortify'd, and he perish'd, for Nobody would give him any Relief.

Several Persons have been taken up and committed to Goal, on Suspicion of being concerned in the Murder, or concealing the Murder, of Donald McKinnis, for which Suspect has already been executed.

Last Sunday two little Negro Boys belonging to Mr. Craig of this Place, got into a Boat at Yoakley's Hole, and went far Distance from the Shore, and in endeavouring to get back were both drowned.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered since March 20.
Schooner Charles-Town, Thomas Dewick, from Barbadoes.

Cleared for Departure.

Schooner Katy, John Brown, for Virginia;
Sloop Hopewell, John Bennet, for Barbadoes.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

WHEREAS Edward Neale of Queen Anne's County, and Ralph Falconer late of Baltimore County, Partners in an Iron Work, did on the 5th Day of April in the Year 1750, sell to the Subscriber two Thirds of a Parcel of Land lying on the North Side of Deer Creek in Baltimore County, called Arabia Petrea, containing 366 Acres, for the consideration of Eighty five Pounds Ten Shillings Sterling, by the Subscriber already paid to them the said Edward Neale and Ralph Falconer; in consequence of which said Purchase and Payment, the Subscriber was put in Possession of the said two Thirds of the said Tract of Land, called Arabia Petrea, by the said Neale and Falconer, and took the said Neale and Falconer's Obligation to convey the same to the Subscriber when required, which has not yet been complied with. And whereas the said Ralph Falconer has lately absconded, so that the ordinary Process of Law cannot be served upon him, by Means whereof several Attachments have been sued out against his Effects. I have therefore thought proper to give this Public Notice of the Sale of the Tract of Land aforesaid, and Payment of the Purchase Money by me, that no Person may proceed to Attach the said Land as the Effects of Falconer, or purchase the same of the said Falconer and Neale, or either of them, without Notice of the Subscriber's equitable Title to the said Tract of Land.

WILLIAM BENNETT.

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